



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7**

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Mr. Jacob Barker
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**Freedom of Information Act Request
Number: EPA-R7-2015-000909**

Dear Mr. Barker:

This is the final response to your October 27, 2014, request for information regarding all emails to or from Regional Administrator Karl Brooks since Oct. 1, 2010, containing the words "West Lake" or "Bridgeton Landfill."

You may access the records released at the following URL:

<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov:443/foia/action/public/view/request/803ddf87>

It was necessary to withhold documents and redact information from some of the documents produced. This information has been determined to be exempt from mandatory disclosure by virtue of Section 552(b) (4), (5), and (6) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b) (4), (5), and (6). A privilege log for this information is attached.

The basis for this partial denial is 40 C.F.R. §§ 2.105(a) (4), (5), and (6). These sections of the regulations promulgated under the Freedom of Information Act exempt from mandatory disclosure:

- trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; and
- privileged inter- or intra-Agency memoranda or letters which fall under the deliberative process, attorney work-product or attorney-client privileges; and
- information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact Alyse Stoy in our Office of Regional Counsel at 913-551-7826.

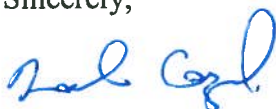


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On October 28, 2014, Larry Gottesman, National FOIA Officer, approved your request for a fee waiver. Therefore, there is no charge associated with the processing of this request.

You may appeal this partial denial to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service will be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the FOI number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



David Cozad
Regional Counsel

Attachment